

**Draft of Gambling Control Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 17, 2007**  
**45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine**

Meeting opened at 12:40 p.m.

**Board members present:** Chairman George McHale, Michael Peters and Cushing Samp  
Peter Danton will be tardy for the meeting. W. Lawrence Hall absent due to medical leave.

**Staff members present:** Exec. Director Robert Welch, Lt. Patrick Fleming, Sgt. Robin Parker, Auditor Scott Woods and Secretary Kathy Chamberlain.

**Legal counsel:** Melissa O'Dea, Ass't Attorney General

- **Minutes from December 13, 2006 meeting approved.**

**Motion to accept:** Cushing Samp

**Seconded:** Mike Peters

**Vote: 3-0**

- **Executive Director's Report – Robert Welch**

Mr. Welch presented a draft copy of his March 2007 Annual Legislative Report to the Board. He will be attending the G.L.I. Round Table Conference in Las Vegas from February 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. Responsible Gaming Week will be the week of March 19<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Tom Broffman is being brought to Maine by the Problem Gaming Council, to do a week long training for counselors in several areas. The Council is looking for sponsors to help with expenses and Dir Welch had pledged, with the Board's vote, \$6,000 towards costs. Dir. Welch has a presentation to the Legal and Veteran's Affairs on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> and separately on the 31<sup>st</sup> for a bill on O.T.B. ownership transfers (L.D. 35). There will be a retirement party for Commissioner Cantara on Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., here in Florian Hall. The Board is invited to attend.

**Motion:** by Cushing Samp who moved to approve the \$6,000 towards the funding of bringing Dr. Hoffman here to Maine for Responsible Gaming Week.

**Seconded:** George McHale

~~—~~**Vote:** 2-0 with one abstention. It was determined that there was no quorum present. Vote tabled until Peter Danton is present at the meeting.

- **Financial Update – Scott Woods**

Weekly tally sheet for the week of January 10-16, 2007 was passed out to the Board. Mr. Woods advised the board that the financial layout on the Board's website has been changed to a different format and invited them to take a look at it.

- **State Police Activity Update – Sgt. Robin Parker**

~~—~~Sgt. Parker advised that the Unit continues to receive and process applications. Operations continue to

~~—~~go smoothly at the Racino with no major problems reported.

- **New Business:**

Dir Welch took the Board through language for proposed Rules. Ms. O'Dea advised that she had a few places where the language, typos, etc. need to be cleaned up and would be done with it shortly after ~~(?)~~ the meeting, if the Board wanted to approve them in concept only.

**Motion:** Cushing moved that the Board approve the rules in concept and that Ms. O'Dea will be cleaning up the language for final submission of the rules.

**Seconded:** Mike Peters

**Vote:** 3-0

- **Public Comments**

Jon Johnson provided his monthly financial sheet to the Board, depicting the amounts of monies distributed to the various holders of the 39% revenue. Mr. Johnson also provided the Board with a copy of LR 2267: An Act to Clarify Provisions Regarding Promotional Credits. Once Legislature is done with it, it will come back to the Board for Rule Making regarding the parameters of promotional credits. Language proposed for the \$100 fee for a Temporary License Application will be included in this bill.

(Peter Danton arrived at 2:15 p.m.)

Henry Jackson, Executive Director for the Harness Racing Commission and overseer of the monies received from their portion of the 39% revenues did a presentation for the Board. These funds include the Supplemental Harness Purses, Agricultural Fair Support, Sire Stakes Fund and O.T.B. Facilities. Harness Purses receive 10% of the 39%, Agricultural Fair Fund receive 3%, Sire Stakes receive 3% and O.T.B. Facilities receive 2 % currently. The revenues are tracked on a weekly basis and paid out in various monthly increments.

- **Unfinished Business**

Vote on pledging of \$6,000 for the Responsible Gaming Week Instructor Dr. Broffman

**Motion:** made by Peter Danton who moved to approve the \$6,000 towards the funding of bringing Dr. Hoffman here to Maine for Responsible Gaming Week.

**Seconded:** Cushing Samp

**Vote:** 4-0

- **Next meeting date – February 14, 2007 at 12:30 p.m.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chamberlain  
Secretary  
Gambling Control Unit

